



Harvey DRC Update



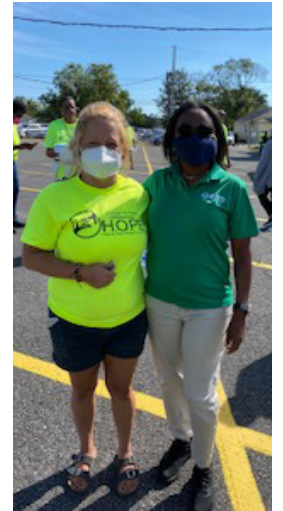
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WELCOME



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This quarter, our area was impacted by Hurricane Ida, closing the Harvey Day Reporting Center facility for three weeks. Despite these circumstances, our DRC staff continued to keep up with participants telephonically and/or virtually, making sure that our program participants continued to receive evidence-based treatment services without interruption, even while they were not physically coming into the center. Amid complications caused by Hurricane Ida, as well as the challenges of the pandemic, we are very grateful to our wonderful staff and participants for their patience, their flexibility and their willingness to adapt to virtual communication for a brief period of time. Thanks for reading our October update, and please continue to stay safe!



SPOTLIGHT ON... PARTICIPANT ERIN K.

When participant Erin K. first started coming to the Harvey DRC in August, she found the program overwhelming — but that soon changed. “By the time I had been there for three months, I was getting along with everyone, learning new things, and now I’m getting a lot out of it the program,” she said. She said she found all the classes and groups were helpful and advised future participants who might be skeptical about the program not to worry.

“It’s very overwhelming when you first start, but once you get the hang of it, it just comes naturally,” she said. Erin recently finished one phase of the program and continues to come into the center four days a week. She is also currently looking for full-time employment. Right now, the DRC is assisting her obtain her GED, in which this will help her reach her number-one goal of securing a better future for herself.



DID YOU KNOW?



Current research reveals the most effective reentry programs are those that target their evidence-based interventions to the level of offender risk. GEO Reentry prioritizes correctional resources for high-risk offenders, ultimately using these resources more efficiently to help customer agencies reduce recidivism and boost public safety. At GEO Reentry centers nationwide, staff members intervene according to a participant’s risks and needs, which are identified during an initial risk/needs assessment. While undergoing cognitive behavioral therapy, employment readiness classes, and counseling, participants begin to remedy criminogenic thinking patterns and increase prosocial behavior, gaining the tools they need to live more productive and law-abiding lives.

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